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In re the Application of

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For: ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICE WITH CONDUCTIVE INTERLAYER HAVING A
ROLE OF A CAPACITOR ELECTRODE, METHOD FOR MAKING THE SAME, AND
ELECTRONIC APPARATUS (AS AMENDED)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 4, 2002, Applicants
provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-5, 23-33 drawn to an electro-optical device, with
traverse.


It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims is sufficiently related
that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would necessarily
encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, Applicants
respectfully submit that the search and examination of the entire application could be made
without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and
examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must
examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions"
(emphasis added). Applicants respectfully submit that this policy should apply in the present

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application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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